

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
35th Legislative Day
Thursday, April 7, 2016

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Stuart Kestenbaum, State Poet Laureate, Deer Isle.

National Anthem by Sarah Ann Vigue, Dexter.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Tuesday, April 5, 2016 was read and approved.

SENATE PAPERS
Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Encourage and Enhance the Future of Waste-to-energy Facilities by Establishing a Portfolio Requirement for Electricity from Waste Energy Resources"

(H.P. 191) (L.D. 273)

Reports **READ** and the Bill and accompanying papers **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in the House on February 25, 2016.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-519) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-376)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, **TABLED** pending **FURTHER CONSIDERATION** and later today assigned.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses

(S.P. 519) (L.D. 1398)

(C. "A" S-422)

- In House, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on March 28, 2016.

- In Senate, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED** on March 29, 2016, in concurrence.

- **RECALLED** from the Governor's Desk pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 700.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-422) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-471)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (S.C. 943)

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0001

April 4, 2016

The 127th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House

Augusta, Maine

Dear Honorable Members of the 127th Legislature:

Under the authority vested in me by Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, I am hereby vetoing

LD 1562, "An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Child Support."

The Maine Parentage Act established the concept of "de facto parents" in Maine, and this bill purports to conform child support laws to that change. In doing so, however, it forces judges to order multiple parents to pay child support to a parent who is a child's primary residential care provider. For example, if a child lives with her mother but has both a living biological father and a stepfather, and the mother leaves the stepfather, both the biological father and the stepfather may have to pay child support to the mother.

Child support should be the obligation of one parent to another. Whenever possible, with the exception of surrogacy, a biological, non-custodial parent should be vested with the obligation of child support. When that is impossible, the court may consider other options to provide for a child's support. But this legislation unfairly obligates de facto parents, which may include step parents or even grandparents, to share a child support obligation with a biological parent who is otherwise capable of fulfilling it.

This bill also contains technical language to conform statute to a recent DHHS rule change. Previously, child support amounts were determined in part by the age of a child, with those older than 12 receiving greater support and those under 12 receiving a lesser amount. That language change is necessary and I gave the bill's sponsor an opportunity to recall this bill so that it may be amended and signed.

For these reasons, I return LD 1562 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

S/Paul R. LePage

Governor

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE** in concurrence.

The accompanying item An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Laws Governing Child Support (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 614) (L.D. 1562)

(C. "A" S-395)

In Senate, April 6, 2016, this Bill, having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?'

30 voted in favor and 4 against, and 30 being more than 2/3 of the members present and voting, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill become law and the veto was overridden.

After reconsideration, the House proceeded to vote on the question, 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' A roll call was taken.

Under suspension of the rules, members were allowed to remove their jackets.

The SPEAKER: The pending question before the House is 'Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?' All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 562V

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos,

Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Guerin, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Herrick, Hickman, Higgins, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Greenwood, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks, Goode.

Yes, 86; No, 63; Absent, 2; Excused, 0.

86 having voted in the affirmative and 63 voted in the negative, with 2 being absent, and accordingly the Veto was **SUSTAINED**.

The Following Communication: (H.C. 509)

**TOWN OF CAMDEN
PO BOX 1207
29 ELM STREET
CAMDEN, MAINE 04843**

April 1, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the Maine House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find a Resolution unanimously passed by the Camden Select Board in support of LD 1694 An Act To Modernize Maine's Solar Power Policy and Encourage Economic Development.

At your convenience, would you please be so kind as to have it appear on the House Calendar.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

S/Patricia A. Finnigan

Town Manager

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 944)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 5, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

This letter is to inform you that, pursuant to Title 3 MRSA §154, the Governor has withdrawn the following nominations: Honorable Wesley E. Richardson of Warren for appointment as a member of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission; Detective Sgt. Steven D. Webster of Westbrook for appointment as a member of the Unemployment Insurance Commission; Emery A. Deabay of Bucksport for reappointment as a member of the Workers' Compensation Board.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 945)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 5, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of Brent M. Boyles of Presque Isle for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of Herbert L. Crosby of Orono for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of David J. Barber of Cape Elizabeth for reappointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE**.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 955)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 5, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Senate Paper 1121, Legislative Document 1650, "An Act To Enact the Recommendations of the Study of the Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine," having been returned by the Governor, together with objections to the same, pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, after reconsideration, the Senate proceeded to vote on the question: "Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?"

16 voted in favor and 18 against, and accordingly it was the vote of the Senate that the Bill not become a law and the veto was sustained.

Best Regards,
S/Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.**

ORDERS

On motion of Representative MALABY of Hancock, the following Joint Order: (H.P. 1160)

ORDERED, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services shall report out, to the House, a bill related to the infrastructure at Riverview Psychiatric Center.

READ.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan moved that the Joint Order be **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.**

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Order.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hancock, Representative Malaby.

Representative **MALABY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. This is a simple bill, asks us to do some research on behalf of Riverview Psychiatric Center, which has presented such problems over the years. We are compelling the Department to do nothing more than gather some information so that when this body comes back next year, we might be in a position to make an informed decision.

As you probably know, the problems over there are deep and wide. But really one of the major solutions that's required is a structural one. We've got to ensure the safety of both our patients and our staff and I ask that you oppose the pending motion.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Indefinite Postponement of the Joint Order. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 563

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Burstein, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gattine, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hamann, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hymanson, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot,

Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks, Goode.

Yes, 72; No, 77; Absent, 2; Excused, 0.

72 having voted in the affirmative and 77 voted in the negative, with 2 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **INDEFINITELY POSTPONE** the Joint Order **FAILED.**

Subsequently, the Joint Order was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

SPECIAL SENTIMENT CALENDAR

In accordance with House Rule 519 and Joint Rule 213, the following items:

Recognizing:

James T. Gallagher, of Eddington, the owner of Whoopie Pie Cafe in Bangor, who has received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2016 for Maine from the United States Small Business Administration. Mr. Gallagher sold more than 10,000 whoopie pies in one month last summer while attending fairs and local shows. We congratulate Mr. Gallagher on his receiving this award;

(SLS 1081)

On **OBJECTION** of Representative VEROW of Brewer, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brewer, Representative Verow.

Representative **VEROW**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, James Gallagher, as noted in the sentiment, received a special award for a young entrepreneur for his whoopie pie café. And reading the sentiment, I note that he sold more than 10,000 whoopie pies in the month of August. And I was able to speak to him, he received a sentiment from the other body on Tuesday of this week, so I was down there when that occurred and spoke to him. And he did tell me one item, something new about his business, that he has been contracted by Hannaford Brothers to sell his whoopie pies in Hannaford's supermarkets throughout the state. So I thought that was pretty exciting and I wanted to mention that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** in concurrence.

Recognizing:

Kevin Doran, of Topsham, a natural science educator with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, who has been selected as a 2016 Outstanding Educator Honoree by Project Learning Tree. Project Learning Tree is an award-winning environmental education program designed for teachers and other educators, parents and community leaders working with youth. Mr. Doran joined the Maine Forest Service as a natural science educator in 1999 and has used Project Learning Tree as a cornerstone of his programs with children throughout the State. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to him on his receiving this well-deserved honor;

(HLS 1191)

Presented by Representative TEPLER of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator BAKER of Sagadahoc, Representative DOORE of Augusta.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TEPLER of Topsham, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Stuart Kestenbaum, of Deer Isle, who has been named the new State Poet Laureate. Mr. Kestenbaum is the author of 4 poetry collections, and his poems and writings have appeared in numerous small press publications and magazines. He recently ended a much-lauded 27-year directorship of the prestigious Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle. He is the 5th Poet Laureate of Maine and will serve a 5-year term. We congratulate Mr. Kestenbaum on his receiving this well-deserved honor and send him our best wishes;

(HLS 1193)

Presented by Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle.

Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock, Representative McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Deer Isle, Representative Kumiega.

Representative **KUMIEGA**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise to congratulate Mr. Kestenbaum on this honor. I've known Stu for a number of years. I met him when he was Director of the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts and I was always impressed by the creative ways that he used that position to improve the lives and the education of people in the area and in the State of Maine. Haystack offered courses for art teachers to continue their education, offered courses for local students to be able to work in studio with professional artists, for high school students to come and stay at the campus and immerse themselves in the arts and crafts. And went through a partnership with Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stu was able to bring creativity and technology together and give people a chance to explore a whole new way of creating things. And I can't wait for the next five years to see the creative ways that Stu will use this new position to improve literature and the arts in the State of Maine. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight.

Representative **McCREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, Maine holds many treasures. Included in these are our places, our people, and our tradition. I first met Stuart Kestenbaum when he was the Director of the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, an internationally known program for those interested in work of the hand. Haystack is located on beautiful Deer Isle, one of our treasured places. And Stuart Kestenbaum, our new Poet Laureate is one of our treasured people. He is the perfect choice for our ambassador of the traditions and the love of Maine that we share. You have on your desks a compilation of Stuart's essays that first appeared in the Haystack newsletter. They capture the spirit of Maine's craft tradition and the importance of community. I am pleased to add my voice and congratulations to our new Poet Laureate Stuart Kestenbaum.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Jorgensen.

Representative **JORGENSEN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I would just like to add to the many statements of congratulation that have been rendered tonight for Mr. Kestenbaum. And while I could speak to his prominence as an important United States poet, while I could

offer my congratulations on his appointment as Maine Poet Laureate, what I want to do instead is to simply call attention to the stature of the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts.

Under Stu's leadership, the school, which is a statewide architectural treasure in and of itself, achieved a level of international prominence that few institutions in our state can come close to claiming—a reputation far in excess of its size. Haystack is a national treasure and educational resource of the top echelon, and its success is largely attributable to Stu's advocacy, and his passion, and his leadership. So, I'd just like to offer my congratulations as well and wish you all the best in your term as Poet Laureate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

Recognizing:

Amy Fried, of Bangor, who is the recipient of the 2016 Presidential Public Service Achievement Award from the President of the University of Maine. This award is presented to an individual faculty member who has demonstrated distinguished achievement in public service. Dr. Fried is a professor of political science at the university. She also oversees the Maine Policy Scholar Program at the university and formerly served as associate dean for research in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Fried has written 2 books and is currently working on another one. Her scholarly work has appeared in numerous edited volumes and journals, and she provides analysis to a wide range of media outlets. Dr. Fried writes a biweekly newspaper column and an intermittent blog for the *Bangor Daily News*. In addition, she is co-leader of the Maine chapter of the Scholars Strategy Network, a national group that brings scholars together to address public challenges and their policy implications. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Fried on her receiving this award;

(HLS 1214)

Presented by Representative TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono.

Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot, Representative FREY of Bangor, Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor, Representative SCHNECK of Bangor, Representative GOODE of Bangor.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

On motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **PASSAGE** and later today assigned.

Recognizing:

Caitlyn Poulin, of Knox, a sophomore at Thomas College, who was named to the 2015 ZAG Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Squad for her academic and athletic excellence. We extend our congratulations to Ms. Poulin on her receiving this honor;

(HLS 1219)

Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.

Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo.

On **OBJECTION** of Representative KINNEY of Knox, was **REMOVED** from the Special Sentiment Calendar.

READ.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Knox, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise today to congratulate Caitlyn Poulin. I have had the pleasure to know Cait

since the day she was born—well, technically, even longer than that. During her four years at Mount View High School, she was a powerhouse on the field hockey team. At Thomas College, she came onto the team in the fall of 2014 as a starter in the left back position as a freshman. During her time at Thomas College—she's in her fourth semester—she's made the Dean's List all three previous semesters, including President's List last semester. Please join me in congratulating Caitlyn on her achievements.

Subsequently, the Sentiment was **PASSED** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Provide Emergency Repair Funding for the Restoration of the Official State Vessel, the Schooner Bowdoin" (EMERGENCY)

(S.P. 667) (L.D. 1640)

Signed:

Senators:

HAMPER of Oxford
KATZ of Kennebec
VALENTINO of York

Representatives:

NUTTING of Oakland
SIROCKI of Scarborough
TIMBERLAKE of Turner
WINSOR of Norway

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-456)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

ROTUNDO of Lewiston
FREY of Bangor
GRANT of Gardiner
JORGENSEN of Portland
MARTIN of Eagle Lake
SANBORN of Gorham

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
READ.

Representative ROTUNDO of Lewiston moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Brooksville, Representative Chapman.

Representative **CHAPMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to speak against the pending motion. This bill has to do with a training vessel at the Maine Maritime Academy and emergency repair that's needed there. This is a training vessel owned by the people of the State of Maine and during some repair work, some damage was uncovered which requires an immediate repair. And the Academy depends upon this training vessel for some of its degree programs. So, I would like to request a roll call, Mr. Speaker.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought Not to Pass Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 564

YEA - Austin, Battle, Black, Buckland, Chace, Chenette, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fowle, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, White, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Bickford, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Campbell R, Chapman, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Wallace, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Brooks, Goode.

Yes, 65; No, 84; Absent, 2; Excused, 0.

65 having voted in the affirmative and 84 voted in the negative, with 2 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **NOT ACCEPTED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. Committee Amendment "A" (S-456) was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-456)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Clarify That Buprenorphine Is a Scheduled Drug"

(S.P. 693) (L.D. 1685)

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock
BURNS of Washington
GERZOSKY of Cumberland

Representatives:

FOWLE of Vassalboro
CHENETTE of Saco
DAVITT of Hampden
GERRISH of Lebanon

LAJOIE of Lewiston
LONG of Sherman
NADEAU of Winslow
THERIAULT of China
TIMMONS of Cumberland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

WARREN of Hallowell

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro, the Majority **Ought to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** on Bill "An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Products Made in Maine and in the United States and To Give Preference to Maine Businesses When Awarding Contracts"

(S.P. 587) (L.D. 1525)

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair
BABBIDGE of Kennebunk
BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland
BRYANT of Windham
DOORE of Augusta
EVANGELOS of Friendship

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-460)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset
WILLETTE of Aroostook

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales
HARRINGTON of Sanford
ORDWAY of Standish
PICKETT of Dixfield

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" (S-460)**.
READ.

Representative MARTIN of Sinclair moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Windham, Representative Bryant.

Representative **BRYANT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the original version of this bill, LD 1525, presented to State and Local Government Committee was a strong bill to help Maine grow businesses and create Maine jobs. It would ensure that our state government always makes an honest effort to purchase Maine goods, services, and hire Maine-based companies when awarding state contracts. The Majority Report retains this language. It is also the establishment of a procurement board to evaluate the state contracts worth \$1 million or more, which would help ensure that taxpayer dollars are being used wisely and the process of awarding state contracts is thorough and transparent. I urge you to support the Majority Report which will increase government's transparency, ensure taxpayer dollars are being put to good use and staying in our economy, and most importantly grow Maine jobs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 565

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Grant, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Grohman, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Kruger, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks, Dion, Goode.

Yes, 75; No, 73; Absent, 3; Excused, 0.

75 having voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative, with 3 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-459)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Enable the State To Hire Qualified Applicants for Vital State Jobs"

(S.P. 681) (L.D. 1664)

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland

BRYANT of Windham

DOORE of Augusta

EVANGELOS of Friendship

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset

WILLETTE of Aroostook

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales

HARRINGTON of Sanford

ORDWAY of Standish

PICKETT of Dixfield

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.
READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Increase the Salary of the Governor and the Salary of Legislators upon Reduction in the Size of the Legislature"

(H.P. 1149) (L.D. 1679)

Signed:

Senator:

LIBBY of Androscoggin

Representatives:

MARTIN of Sinclair

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk

BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland

BRYANT of Windham

DOORE of Augusta

EVANGELOS of Friendship

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-646)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

WHITTEMORE of Somerset

WILLETTE of Aroostook

Representatives:

GREENWOOD of Wales

HARRINGTON of Sanford

ORDWAY of Standish

PICKETT of Dixfield

READ.

On motion of Representative MARTIN of Sinclair, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Funding of Maine Clean Election Act Candidates"

(H.P. 1153) (L.D. 1688)

Signed:

Senators:

CYRWAY of Kennebec

COLLINS of York

PATRICK of Oxford

Representatives:

LUCHINI of Ellsworth

GOLDEN of Lewiston

KINNEY of Limington

LONGSTAFF of Waterville

MONAGHAN of Cape Elizabeth

SAUCIER of Presque Isle

SCHNECK of Bangor

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-647)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representatives:

DILLINGHAM of Oxford

HANINGTON of Lincoln

TURNER of Burlington

Representative BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians - of the House - supports the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

READ.

On motion of Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** and sent for concurrence.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 694) (L.D. 1686) Bill "An Act To Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act" Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-463)**

(H.P. 1106) (L.D. 1629) Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund" Committee on **AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-648)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence and the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

(H.P. 605) (L.D. 886) Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-645)**

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **REMOVED** from the First Day Consent Calendar.

The Unanimous Committee Report was **READ**.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending **ACCEPTANCE** of the Committee Report and later today assigned.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman, who wishes to address the House on the record.

Representative **LOCKMAN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's been more than three weeks since Representative McCabe Tabled LD 1652, An Act Regarding Municipal Immigration Policies. The Tabling motion effectively killed the bill without any public hearings. I rise to inquire through the Chair whether or not Representative McCabe is prepared at this time to recall the bill from the table so that LD 1652 can be assigned to committee for public hearings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER: The Representative from Amherst, Representative Lockman, has posed a question through the Chair to anyone who may care to respond.

ENACTORS

Emergency Measure

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

(H.P. 1136) (L.D. 1666)

(C. "A" H-633)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the Resolve and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

Acts

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen the Adequacy and Equity of Certain Cost Components of the School Funding Formula

(H.P. 944) (L.D. 1394)

(C. "A" H-630)

An Act Regarding the Sale of Alcohol by a Manufacturer with an On-premises Retail License

(S.P. 563) (L.D. 1462)

(C. "A" S-355)

An Act To Attract Investment to Loring Commerce Centre

(H.P. 1141) (L.D. 1670)

(C. "A" H-634)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, Compensating Susan Cloutier for Claims against the State

(H.P. 1142) (L.D. 1671)

(C. "A" H-638)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

The following items were taken up out of order by unanimous consent:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, April 5, 2016, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (10) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-593)** - Minority (2) **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-594)** - Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** on Bill "An Act To Conform Maine Law to the Requirements of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation"

(H.P. 1037) (L.D. 1514)

TABLED - March 24, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.

PENDING - Motion of same Representative to **ACCEPT** the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report.

Subsequently, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-593)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford **PRESENTED** **House Amendment "A" (H-654)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-593)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Sanford, Representative Mastraccio.

Representative **MASTRACCIO**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this amendment simply corrects conflicts created by

the enactment last week of Public Law 2015, Chapter 429, which repealed and replaced the laws governing dental professionals.

Subsequently, **House Amendment "A" (H-654)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-593)** was **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-593) as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-654)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-593) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-654)** thereto and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

HOUSE DIVIDED REPORT - Majority (12) Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-568) - Minority (1) Ought Not to Pass - Committee on VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS on Bill "An Act To Increase Fairness in Campaign Financing"

(H.P. 623) (L.D. 904)

TABLED - March 28, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

PENDING - Motion of Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth to ACCEPT the Majority OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED Report.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Limington, Representative Kinney.

Representative **KINNEY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I voted for the motion in committee, as did most of us. Really tried to discuss this bill with leadership on my side of the aisle and I believe that leadership on this side of the aisle was talking to a lot of people on both sides of the aisle.

This bill originally came to light in regard to a gubernatorial race where there was three people running and it had to do with able to collect checks for a primary and collect checks for the general. And if you're running as an unenrolled, you couldn't collect checks for a primary and you could only collect one check. Where, if you were running as a Republican or a Democrat, you could collect two checks. And we asked the Ethics Commission to try to come up with some solutions for this and unfortunately, they came up with four different solutions and couldn't agree on one solution.

So, with that in mind, I compliment my good friend from Ellsworth, Representative Luchini, who tried to put together a good amendment for this bill. And we can pass this, however, if we pass this and you are running private and you collect your \$375 in the primary, you might not be able to go back to that same person and collect another \$375 for the general. So, with that having been said, I recommend that we Ought Not to Pass, and Veterans and Legal Affairs and Ethics need to look at this again in the future and try to come up with a solution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to

Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 566

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tucker, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks, Goode.

Yes, 78; No, 71; Absent, 2; Excused, 0.

78 having voted in the affirmative and 71 voted in the negative, with 2 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended Report** was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-568)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-568)** and sent for concurrence.

HOUSE REPORT - Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-616) - Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES on Bill "An Act To Create a Sustainable Solution to the Handling, Management and Disposal of Solid Waste in the State"

(H.P. 207) (L.D. 313)

TABLED - March 30, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative **FREDETTE** of Newport.

PENDING - ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORT.

Subsequently, the Unanimous Committee Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (H-616)** was **READ** by the Clerk.

Representative **WELSH** of Rockport **PRESENTED House Amendment "A" (H-640)** to **Committee Amendment "A" (H-616)**, which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-616) as Amended by **House Amendment "A" (H-640)** thereto was **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment**

"A" (H-616) as Amended by House Amendment "A" (H-640)
thereto and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Resolve, To Increase MaineCare Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autistic Disorder (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 314) (L.D. 475)

(C. "A" H-608)

TABLED - April 1, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.

PENDING - **FINAL PASSAGE**. (Roll Call Ordered)

On motion of Representative STUCKEY of Portland, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the rules were **SUSPENDED** for the purpose of further **RECONSIDERATION**.

On further motion of the same Representative, the House **RECONSIDERED** its action whereby **Committee Amendment "A" (H-608)** was **ADOPTED**.

The same Representative **PRESENTED** House Amendment **"B" (H-653) to Committee Amendment "A" (H-608)** which was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-608) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-653) thereto was **ADOPTED**.

The Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-608) as Amended by House Amendment "B" (H-653)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Bill "An Act To Provide Relief to Maine Ratepayers"

(S.P. 484) (L.D. 1339)

- In House, Majority (8) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY READ** and **ACCEPTED** on March 31, 2016.

- In Senate, Senate **ADHERED** to its former action whereby the Minority (5) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-424)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

TABLED - April 4, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

PENDING - **FURTHER CONSIDERATION**.

Subsequently, the House voted to **INSIST**.

CONSENT CALENDAR

First Day

In accordance with House Rule 519, the following items appeared on the Consent Calendar for the First Day:

(S.P. 256) (L.D. 726) Bill "An Act To Increase Patient Safety in Maine's Medical Marijuana Program" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-451)**

(H.P. 576) (L.D. 842) Bill "An Act To Establish Peer Center Reimbursement" Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-649)**

Under suspension of the rules, Second Day Consent Calendar notification was given.

There being no objection, the Senate Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** in concurrence and the House Paper was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended** and sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Assist Working Families with Young Children"

(H.P. 867) (L.D. 1267)

Majority (7) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-635)** in the House on April 5, 2016.

Came from the Senate with the Minority (6) **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES READ** and **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Increase Penalties for the Use of Violence against Firefighters"

(S.P. 692) (L.D. 1683)

Signed:

Senator:

GERZOFISKY of Cumberland

Representatives:

FOWLE of Vassalboro

DAVITT of Hampden

LAJOIE of Lewiston

LONG of Sherman

TIMMONS of Cumberland

WARREN of Hallowell

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-472)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock

BURNS of Washington

Representatives:

CHENETTE of Saco

GERRISH of Lebanon

NADEAU of Winslow

THERIAULT of China

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-472).**

READ.

Representative GIDEON of Freeport moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

Subsequently, the same Representative **WITHDREW** her motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report.

On motion of the same Representative, the Minority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-472)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-472)** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Create a Secure, Therapeutic Mental Health Unit"

(S.P. 169) (L.D. 440)

Signed:

Senators:

ROSEN of Hancock

BURNS of Washington

Representatives:

FOWLE of Vassalboro

CHENETTE of Saco

GERRISH of Lebanon

LONG of Sherman

NADEAU of Winslow

THERIAULT of China

TIMMONS of Cumberland

WARREN of Hallowell

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-458)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

GERZOFISKY of Cumberland

Representatives:

DAVITT of Hampden

LAJOIE of Lewiston

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative GIDEON of Freeport, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

SENATE PAPERS

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Facilitate Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1547)

(C. "A" H-619)

FAILED of **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED** in the House on March 31, 2016.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-619) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-473)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

An Act To Increase Government Efficiency

(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1241)

PASSED TO BE ENACTED in the House on March 17, 2016.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-479)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Amend the Child Protective Services Laws"

(H.P. 842) (L.D. 1224)

PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-629) in the House on April 4, 2016.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-629) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-462)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Representative MALABY of Hancock moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative GIDEON of Freeport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hancock, Representative Malaby.

Representative **MALABY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is, in many ways, a very simple bill with somewhat profound consequences. Frankly, simply put, this bill creates a "rebuttable presumption" that is in the best interest of a child in state custody to be placed with their kin, with a family member.

Current law is such that it states that is to be done "when possible." Federal law encourages us to do it. This amendment gives grandparents, aunts, uncles, and those who can provide a safe and stable home a better opportunity to have a placement of a child in their family. You know, when a child is needlessly thrown into foster care, or reasonably thrown into foster care for that matter, they lose not only mom and dad, but often brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, teachers, friends, classmates. They're cut off from everyone so loving and familiar. For a young child, it's an experience akin to a kidnapping and often children feel they must've done something terribly wrong and now they're being punished. And the emotional trauma can last a lifetime.

Currently, we use something called the Best Interest Standard to choose between equally positioned decisions. You know, that is a standard that comes out of what's called Title 19.

These laws are actually from Title 22. Title 19 would be when we have two parents and they're equally positioned, what is in, then, the best interest of the child? I believe it is always in the best interest of the child to look first at the family. And I created within this amendment, a rebuttable presumption that the family, you know, should be the best place to put the child.

But it's not the same thing as choosing between a grandparent and a foster home that a child does not know. Every study, every study that has ever been reviewed on this issue has found that children taken from their parents by the state do better when they are placed with kinship families. They do better on every metric, including a substantially less use of antipsychotic medication that seems to find its way into our child welfare system.

In Maine, the DHHS has not had a great record historically, but it is much, much, much improved in recent years. There's a lot we can do to support families. There are several other states that use this standard, this provision in law, specifically Connecticut and Louisiana, and there's several others such as Washington and Minnesota, that have specific provisions which protect the rights of grandparents and families.

You know, the problem becomes, when a child is taken by DHS because the parents are unsafe, DHHS then, often, makes the decision as to where to place the child. It's not always made by the courts. It's a recommendation. You know, if the grandparents or a relative disagrees with that decision, they have to wait, in some cases as much as six to nine months before they get as chance to have a judge hear their case. By that time, the child has already been placed in a foster home and has spent a significant amount of time bonding with a foster family.

And when the court eventually hears the grandparent's case or the family's case, DHHS can argue—and according to many family and child protective attorneys I have spoken to, often does argue—that the child shouldn't be placed with the grandparents because the child has, at this point, bonded with the foster parents and it would not be in the best interest of the child to move yet again.

Essentially, this decision to reject the grandparents was wrong, but it is validated by the passage of time and that's wrong. We ought to be doing something more to protect the rights of families in this situation because when the parental rights to the child are terminated, all of the family's rights are terminated as well. I am sure that many of you have had calls from grandparents wondering why they can't access their grandchild who is in foster care.

You know, there is, indeed, a grandparents visitation rights provision, in 22 MRSA 4005-E, but it is an extraordinary high bar and a threshold to meet and there are some people who are just not in the position financially to hire an attorney to go through a year's worth of process to get access to their family members and that's a sad situation.

And what this amendment does not do, it does not change the standard safety that must be shown for the placement of a child. It does not create a new standard. The standard would still be what is in the best interest of the child. Nor does it restrict DHHS's ability to act swiftly and decisively to remove a child from a place where the child is unsafe or in jeopardy. I just ask that you vote with me on this. I think this is a bill that would seek to preserve family structure, something that we have not done well.

Representative **HOBBS** of Saco **REQUESTED** that the Clerk **READ** the Committee Report.

The Clerk **READ** the Committee Report in its entirety.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Saco, Representative Hobbs.

Representative **HOBBS**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Women and Men of the House, this particular bill took a lot of energy and work of the committee over a two year period of time. We commended the gentleman from Hancock, Representative Malaby, because of his dedication and sincerity to this issue. And we took much time, four work sessions the last regular session, three work sessions this session. We spent more time on this bill, fine tuning the final language, which received a unanimous report from our committee.

Our committee is diligent in their work. We called upon the Department of Health and Human Services, we called upon the Attorney General's Office, we called upon all the stakeholders to have input in this particular bill. The bill, as amended from the committee, is not everything that the good gentlemen and good Representative from Hancock would like.

However, the problem is, the amendment that was put on in the other body, unfortunately, was never discussed, debated, or had a public hearing on a significantly substantive change of the standard, the presumptive standard, from what is in the best interest of the child to a presumption that a family member would have the priority. One of the problems with the amendment that was put on in the other body is that it threatens the possibility of losing federal funds because if a placement is made with a family member before there's been vetting, a home study done, those are the protective issues that we, as the guardians of our children in the State of Maine, need to care about. And unfortunately, having the presumption, as is required with the amendment, changes the whole perspective of what has been, really, the foundation of the protection of individuals who we need to protect and that's those who are in need and those who are young in the state and in need of services.

I hope we will not take that extra step. We worked on this bill significantly and we came up, what we thought, was a better system with the help of the Department of Health and Human Services, with the help of the Attorney General's Office, and with the diligence of my committee. And I would hope that this body will honor the hard work of the Judiciary Committee and move to Insist on this bill after the motion to Recede and Concur has been voted on. Thank you.

The **SPEAKER**: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Portland, Representative Moonen.

Representative **MOONEN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women in the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion. I wanted to respond to a couple of comments from the Representative from Hancock, Representative Malaby. I certainly understand the concern about parental rights. I think all of us have a concern about parental rights and if we were in this situation, we would be concerned if it was our parental rights that were being challenged.

But I think it's really important to remember that this is not a standard situation that we're talking about. This situation is an emergency child protective service scenario. And when that happens, it's usually because we're facing a situation with domestic violence or drug abuse in the home, physical abuse, any number of scenarios where the Department of Health and Human Services feels that the situation is so bad that they absolutely cannot wait any time at all to take the child out of that home. And so, in that case, they go to the court for a preliminary protective order.

So, I've heard concerns that it takes six to nine months to get a hearing. In this case of a preliminary protective order, that is absolutely not true. A hearing is required within 10-14 days of an emergency preliminary protective order being issued. So, the situation is so bad that HHS feels they can't wait. But if the

parent feels that HHS is wrong, they are guaranteed a hearing within 10-14 days.

Secondly, I've heard that a lot of people can't afford an attorney to challenge custody and if this were a standard situation, that would be true in some situations. But again, this is an emergency preliminary protective situation and in that case, because of due process concerns, because it is the state, because it is HHS taking a child out of their home, the state pays for anyone to get an attorney who cannot afford one. So, again, this is a scenario where the idea that somebody won't get an attorney is not true. If they can't afford one, the state will provide one for them.

So, given that this is a fairly dramatic scenario where HHS feels that the situation is so dire that they can't wait, I think it's a very dangerous idea to say that we should put parental rights in that situation above the best interest of the child. We have the standard of best interest of the child for a reason, a very good reason, and I think we should stick with it. So I ask you to oppose this motion and if no one has asked for a roll call, I would request one.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Hancock, Representative Malaby.

Representative **MALABY**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I wanted to correct a few misstatements made by the last speaker who referred to, among other things, a six to nine month wait for a parental trial or trial. I was referencing, and quite clearly, I might add, the grandparents' rights who often take six to nine months to have a trial. Also, when the previous speaker said that an attorney would be appointed, that is absolutely correct.

However, my concern here, and the focus of this bill, is not just the parents' rights, it is the family's rights. And so, I spoke to the fact that there are many grandparents who cannot afford an attorney so that they can seek the right to see their child. Because should they have a child, perhaps, who is, you know, let's say, they're drug abusers, and the state determines appropriately to take their children away. I would like to see the grandparents have the opportunity to take possession of that child. And some of them, some of them, do not have the ability to afford an attorney wait nine or 10 months to go to court and have their day in court. And so, my point is, with this very language that I've brought forth, is to coerce, to begin to create a rebuttable presumption that the best place for the child is with the family. Now, that's a rebuttable presumption, which is to say that can easily be disproven by the state if that should be the case.

And in reference to the speaker previous, is the good gentleman from Saco, he is indeed correct. This language had not been discussed. But he knew that I tried every possible way that I could to encourage the creation of language that would foster a more open PPO process and one which would result with children being placed with family. I think that's critical.

Furthermore, this language was recommended to me by the National Center for Child Welfare Reform, a well-regarded nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. I thank you for allowing me to speak twice on this issue.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 567

YEA - Austin, Beavers, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean,

McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Rykerson, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Sukeforth, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Ginzler, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Stanley, Stuckey, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Brooks.

Yes, 73; No, 77; Absent, 1; Excused, 0.

73 having voted in the affirmative and 77 voted in the negative, with 1 being absent, and accordingly the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR FAILED**.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative HOBBS of Saco, the House voted to **INSIST**.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order, Directing the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation To Report Out a Bill To Adjust the Property Tax Valuation of Old Town Following the Closure of the Old Town Expera Pulp Mill

(H.P. 1145)

READ and **PASSED** in the House on March 28, 2016.

Came from the Senate **READ** and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Joint Order, Directing the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government To Report Out a Bill Directing the Issuance of the Senior Housing Bonds

(H.P. 1146)

READ and **PASSED** in the House on March 28, 2016.

Came from the Senate **READ** and **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

Non-Concurrent Matter

Bill "An Act To Provide Tax Revenue To Offset Transfers to the Maine Clean Election Fund"

(H.P. 1110) (L.D. 1634)

Report "A" (6) **OUGHT TO PASS** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 199-E of the Committee on **TAXATION READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED** in the House on March 9, 2016.

Came from the Senate with Report "B" (6) **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 199-E of the Committee on **TAXATION READ** and

ACCEPTED and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-540)** in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

The House voted to **INSIST**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-651)** on Bill "An Act To Reduce the Liability of Maine Taxpayers by Aligning Maine's Welfare Programs with Federal Law"

(H.P. 1107) (L.D. 1631)

Signed:

Senator:

HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook

BURSTEIN of Lincolnville

HAMANN of South Portland

HYMANSON of York

PETERSON of Rumford

STUCKEY of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (H-652)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel

MALABY of Hancock

SANDERSON of Chelsea

VACHON of Scarborough

READ.

Representative GATTINE of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-650)** on Bill "An Act To Reform Welfare by Establishing Bridges to Sustainable Employment"

(H.P. 868) (L.D. 1268)

Signed:

Senator:

HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook

BURSTEIN of Lincolnville

HAMANN of South Portland

HYMANSON of York

PETERSON of Rumford

STUCKEY of Portland

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel

MALABY of Hancock

SANDERSON of Chelsea

VACHON of Scarborough

READ.

Representative GATTINE of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

On further motion of the same Representative, **TABLED** pending his motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report and later today assigned.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Authorize Advance Deposit Wagering for Horse Racing

(H.P. 875) (L.D. 1279)

(C. "A" H-614)

An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services

(H.P. 1070) (L.D. 1577)

(C. "A" H-636)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 510)

SENATE OF MAINE

127TH LEGISLATURE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 6, 2016

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Pursuant to my authority under Senate Rule 201.3, I have appointed Senator Susan Deschambault to serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. She will replace Senator Stan Gerzofsky.

Sincerely,

S/Michael D. Thibodeau

President of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The Following Communication: (S.C. 956)

**MAINE SENATE
127TH LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

April 6, 2016

Honorable Mark W. Eves
Speaker of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Speaker Eves:

In accordance with 3 MRSA §158 and Joint Rule 506 of the 127th Maine Legislature, please be advised that the Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Captain Michael S. Flanagan of Thomaston for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Major Rene M. Cloutier of Thomaston for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Thomas F. Marx of Liberty for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Carla R. Scocchi of Penobscot for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Captain Eric P. Jergenson of Stockton Springs for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, the nomination of Almon D. Rivers of Searsport for appointment to the Board of Trustees, Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, the nomination of William A. Lee III, Esq. of Waterville for reappointment to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, the nomination of David S. Stapp of Bremen for appointment to the Efficiency Maine Trust Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the nomination of Honorable Kathleen D. Chase of Wells for appointment to the Board of Environmental Protection.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Transportation, the nomination of John G. Melrose of Vassalboro for appointment to the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority.

Best Regards,

S/Heather J.R. Priest

Secretary of the Senate

READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Divided Reports

Majority Report of the Committee on **EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Improve Teaching Assignments in Maine's Public Schools"

(S.P. 604) (L.D. 1544)

Signed:

Senators:

LANGLEY of Hancock

EDGEComb of Aroostook

Representatives:

KORNFELD of Bangor

FARNSWORTH of Portland

HUBBELL of Bar Harbor

MAKER of Calais

McCLELLAN of Raymond

PIERCE of Falmouth

POULIOT of Augusta

STEARNS of Guilford

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-401)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

MILLETT of Cumberland

Representatives:

DAUGHTRY of Brunswick

TIPPING-SPITZ of Orono

Came from the Senate with the Minority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-401).**

READ.

On motion of Representative KORNFELD of Bangor, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in **NON-CONCURRENCE** and sent for concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-411)** on Resolve, To Enhance the Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by Creating Clear Guidelines for Organizations and Streamlining the Application Process

(S.P. 570) (L.D. 1472)

Signed:

Senator:

HASKELL of Cumberland

Representatives:

GATTINE of Westbrook

BURSTEIN of Lincolnville

HAMANN of South Portland

HYMANSON of York

PETERSON of Rumford

STUCKEY of Portland

VACHON of Scarborough

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Resolve.

Signed:

Senators:

BRAKEY of Androscoggin

McCORMICK of Kennebec

Representatives:

HEAD of Bethel

MALABY of Hancock

SANDERSON of Chelsea

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Resolve **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-411) AND SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-445).**

READ.

Representative GATTINE of Westbrook moved that the House **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

Representative FREDETTE of Newport **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **ACCEPT** the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Chelsea, Representative Sanderson.

Representative **SANDERSON**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, I rise in opposition to the pending motion, not because it's a bad idea, but because it's already being done. If I may read you the first sentence from the testimony from the Department of Health and Human Services, "OCFS, the Office of Child and Family Services, has already recognized the need for technological improvements with regard to the system and is currently in the process of analyzing the system surrounding the CACFP with the goal of improving them. They're already doing this. They're already moving forward. We don't need a bill asking them to do it. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from South Portland, Representative Hamann.

Representative **HAMANN**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, while it's true that the Director of Office of Child and Family Services has been undertaking some technological improvements to a number of the systems that they operate, this particular process isn't just about putting fillable forms online, as the Director indicated that he was working on now. Simply putting forms, making forms fillable online, a fillable PDF, is only one component of what this bill would do.

This bill would actually streamline the application process, simplify it, clarify it. Currently, it's several downloads, zip files. Five different programs are integrated into one long application and it's unclear within that application, which program you may or may not be filling out, which form. It's all very complicated. So this bill simplifies that process, streamlines that process, so that Maine schools and daycare centers are able to tap into a potential of \$50 million of federal money to bring into the State of Maine, into schools, to help offset school budgets and daycare programs.

Currently, the CACFP program, Maine's only utilizing one percent of the total funds and we could be tapping into, like I said, a potential of \$50 million. At its core, this bill is a food insecurity bill addressed at child hunger and it's a good bill that will remove

bureaucracy for schools and get food into the hands of kids who need it.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Harpswell, Representative McCreight.

Representative **McCREIGHT**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, last weekend I attended a forum on child hunger in the Brunswick area and I just wanted to support what my colleague from South Portland just mentioned. There were representatives from local schools, from food banks, from agencies that try to help prevent children from going hungry and this was one of the issues they addressed. The form is much too complicated. They can't find the section that they're trying to fill out. They can't determine what section they should fill out. So I support the motion. Thank you.

The SPEAKER: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Acceptance of the Majority Ought to Pass as Amended Report. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 568

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, Peterson, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Tuell, Verow, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Battle, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks.

Yes, 83; No, 67; Absent, 1; Excused, 0.

83 having voted in the affirmative and 67 voted in the negative, with 1 being absent, and accordingly the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Resolve was **READ ONCE. Committee Amendment "A" (S-411) was READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Senate Amendment "A" (S-445) was READ by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Resolve was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Resolve was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-411) and Senate Amendment "A" (S-445)** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

ENACTORS**Acts**

An Act Regarding Consent to Land Transfers to the Federal Government

(H.P. 1091) (L.D. 1600)
(C. "A" H-571)

Was reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed.

On motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, was **SET ASIDE**.

The same Representative **REQUESTED** a roll call on **PASSAGE TO BE ENACTED**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is Passage to be Enacted. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 569

YEA - Austin, Battle, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Corey, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Farrin, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Gillway, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanington, Hanley, Harlow, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Hobart, Hogan, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Maker, Malaby, Marean, Martin J, McClellan, McElwee, Nadeau, Nutting, O'Connor, Ordway, Parry, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Pouliot, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Short, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stanley, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Verow, Wadsworth, Wallace, Ward, White, Winsor, Wood.

NAY - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Herbig, Hickman, Hobbins, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Peterson, Pierce T, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

ABSENT - Brooks.

Yes, 77; No, 73; Absent, 1; Excused, 0.

77 having voted in the affirmative and 73 voted in the negative, with 1 being absent, and accordingly the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

SENATE PAPERS**Non-Concurrent Matter**

Resolve, To Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State

(S.P. 566) (L.D. 1468)
(C. "A" S-374)

FINALLY PASSED in the House on March 10, 2016.

Came from the Senate **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-374) AS AMENDED BY SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-483)** thereto in **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

Speaker EVES of North Berwick moved that the House **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

Representative McCABE of Skowhegan **REQUESTED** a roll call on the motion to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

More than one-fifth of the members present expressed a desire for a roll call which was ordered.

The **SPEAKER**: A roll call has been ordered. The pending question before the House is to Recede and Concur. All those in favor will vote yes, those opposed will vote no.

ROLL CALL NO. 570

YEA - Alley, Babbidge, Bates, Battle, Beavers, Beck, Beebe-Center, Blume, Bryant, Burstein, Campbell J, Chapman, Chenette, Chipman, Cooper, Corey, Daughtry, Davitt, DeChant, Devin, Dion, Doore, Duchesne, Dunphy M, Evangelos, Farnsworth, Farrin, Fecteau, Fowle, Frey, Gattine, Gideon, Gilbert, Gillway, Golden, Goode, Grant, Grohman, Hamann, Harlow, Herbig, Hickman, Hobart, Hobbins, Hogan, Hubbell, Hymanson, Jorgensen, Kornfield, Kruger, Kumiega, Lajoie, Longstaff, Luchini, Maker, Martin J, Martin R, Mastraccio, McCabe, McCreight, McLean, Melaragno, Monaghan, Moonen, Morrison, Nadeau, O'Connor, Parry, Peterson, Pierce T, Pouliot, Powers, Rotundo, Russell, Rykerson, Sanborn, Saucier, Schneck, Short, Stanley, Stuckey, Sukeforth, Tepler, Tipping-Spitz, Tucker, Verow, Ward, Warren, Welsh, Mr. Speaker.

NAY - Austin, Bickford, Black, Buckland, Campbell R, Chace, Crafts, Dillingham, Dunphy L, Edgecomb, Espling, Foley, Fredette, Gerrish, Ginzler, Greenwood, Guerin, Hanley, Harrington, Hawke, Head, Herrick, Higgins, Hilliard, Kinney J, Kinney M, Lockman, Long, Lyford, Malaby, Marean, McClellan, McElwee, Nutting, Ordway, Picchiotti, Pickett, Pierce J, Prescott, Reed, Sanderson, Sawicki, Seavey, Sherman, Sirocki, Skolfield, Stearns, Stetkis, Theriault, Timberlake, Timmons, Tuell, Turner, Vachon, Wadsworth, Wallace, White, Winsor, Wood.

ABSENT - Brooks, Hanington.

Yes, 90; No, 59; Absent, 2; Excused, 0.

90 having voted in the affirmative and 59 voted in the negative, with 2 being absent, and accordingly the House voted to **RECEDE AND CONCUR**.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**Divided Reports**

Majority Report of the Committee on **ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY** reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on Bill "An Act To Lower Energy Costs and Increase Access to Solar Energy for Agricultural Businesses"

(S.P. 376) (L.D. 1073)

Signed:

Senators:

WOODSOME of York

HILL of York

MASON of Androscoggin

Representatives:

DION of Portland

BABBIDGE of Kennebunk

BEAVERS of South Berwick

DeCHANT of Bath

DUNPHY of Embden

GROHMAN of Biddeford

HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft

O'CONNOR of Berwick

WADSWORTH of Hiram

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "B" (S-476)** on same Bill.

Signed:

Representative:

RYKERSON of Kittery

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT NOT TO PASS** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED**.

READ.

On motion of Representative DION of Portland, the Majority **Ought Not to Pass** Report was **ACCEPTED** in concurrence.

Majority Report of the Committee on **LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** reporting **Ought to Pass as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-484)** on Bill "An Act To Ensure the Safety of Home Birth" (S.P. 248) (L.D. 690)

Signed:

Senator:

VOLK of Cumberland

Representatives:

HERBIG of Belfast

AUSTIN of Gray

CAMPBELL of Newfield

FECTEAU of Biddeford

GILBERT of Jay

MASTRACCIO of Sanford

STETKIS of Canaan

WARD of Dedham

Minority Report of the same Committee reporting **Ought Not to Pass** on same Bill.

Signed:

Senator:

CUSHING of Penobscot

Representative:

LOCKMAN of Amherst

Came from the Senate with the Majority **OUGHT TO PASS AS AMENDED** Report **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-484)**.

READ.

On motion of Representative HERBIG of Belfast, the Majority **Ought to Pass as Amended** Report was **ACCEPTED**.

The Bill was **READ ONCE**. **Committee Amendment "A" (S-484)** was **READ** by the Clerk and **ADOPTED**.

Under suspension of the rules, the Bill was given its **SECOND READING WITHOUT REFERENCE** to the Committee on **Bills in the Second Reading**.

Under further suspension of the rules, the Bill was **PASSED TO BE ENGROSSED as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-484)** in concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

SENATE PAPERS

The following Joint Resolution: (S.P. 702)

JOINT RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MAINE AND TAIWAN

AND TO COMMEND TAIWAN'S ACHIEVEMENT ON THE ELECTION OF ITS NEW PRESIDENT, TO ENHANCE BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS AND TO SUPPORT TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan, the Republic of China, share a most important relationship supported by our common values of freedom, democracy, rule of law and a free market economy; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan's President Ma Ying-jeou has worked tirelessly to uphold democratic principles in his nation, ensure the prosperity of Taiwan's 23,000,000 people, promote Taiwan's international standing and further improve relations between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, in January 2016, the citizens of Taiwan elected Tsai Ing-wen to be the island's next president by a decisive margin, 56% of more than 12,000,000 votes cast, and she will be the first female president of Taiwan when she is inaugurated on May 20, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the United States, and in particular the State of Maine, and Taiwan share a historically close relationship marked by strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange, scientific and technological interests and tourism; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program, reflecting the friendship, trust and cooperation shared between our 2 countries and making travel between Taiwan and the United States for business and tourism more convenient; and

WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's 2nd-largest trading partner and Taiwan ranks as the 10th-largest trading partner of the United States, with approximately \$61,500,000,000 from January to November 2015 in goods and services traded between the United States and Taiwan, with New England exporting \$1,000,000,000 in goods to Taiwan and Maine exporting \$19,000,000 in goods, including paper, fish and other marine products and computer and electronic products; and

WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific region is the largest market in the world for American exports and many of Maine's exports go to markets in the Asia-Pacific region, and Taiwan is Maine's 8th-largest export market in Asia as of 2014; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 19th-largest trading economy in the world and a member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, which promotes free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the world's key instrument to deal with climate change, a concerted global effort to combat the challenges posed by climate change requires that Taiwan also be included in the work of the convention and Taiwan has expressed a keen interest to participate in the global effort to address climate change; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, reaffirm the friendship between Maine and Taiwan, the Republic of China, and we continue to support efforts to further strengthen Maine-Taiwan trade relations and support Taiwan's participation in international organizations and agreements, including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the members of the Maine Congressional Delegation, Governor Paul LePage, President Ma Ying-jeou of Taiwan and Scott Lai, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

Came from the Senate, **READ** and **ADOPTED**.
READ and **ADOPTED** in concurrence.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Clarify That Buprenorphine Is a Scheduled Drug
(S.P. 693) (L.D. 1685)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following matters, in the consideration of which the House was engaged at the time of adjournment Tuesday, April 5, 2016, had preference in the Orders of the Day and continued with such preference until disposed of as provided by House Rule 502.

Bill "An Act To Exempt from the Sales and Use Tax Sales to Certain Veterans' Organizations Funding Direct Supportive Services to Veterans and Their Families" (EMERGENCY)
(H.P. 1081) (L.D. 1590)
(C. "A" H-552)

TABLED - March 16, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan.

PENDING - **PASSAGE TO BE ENGROSSED**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **McCABE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, this is a bill that we've taken care of in another vehicle so at this time I move to Indefinitely Postpone LD 1590 and all its accompanying papers.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

Bill "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans by Requiring the University of Maine System To Provide Supportive Services to Student-veterans"

(H.P. 1104) (L.D. 1625)

TABLED - March 29, 2016 (Till Later Today) by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

PENDING - **ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (H-591)**.

The SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes the Representative from Skowhegan, Representative McCabe.

Representative **McCABE**: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Men and Women of the House, as stated on the previous item, we have taken care of this issue in another vehicle and for that reason, I move to Indefinitely Postpone LD 1625 and all its accompanying papers.

Subsequently, on motion of Representative McCABE of Skowhegan, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED** and sent for concurrence.

ENACTORS

Acts

An Act To Reduce Electric Rates for Maine Businesses
(S.P. 519) (L.D. 1398)
(S. "A" S-471 to C. "A" S-422)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Amend the Finance Authority of Maine Act
(S.P. 694) (L.D. 1686)
(C. "A" S-463)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Increase Patient Safety in Maine's Medical Marijuana Program
(S.P. 256) (L.D. 726)
(C. "A" S-451)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Increase Penalties for the Use of Violence against Firefighters
(S.P. 692) (L.D. 1683)
(C. "A" S-472)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Facilitate Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride
(H.P. 1054) (L.D. 1547)
(S. "A" S-473 to C. "A" H-619)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Increase Government Efficiency
(S.P. 446) (L.D. 1241)
(S. "A" S-479)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Improve the Safety of Ferries in the State

(S.P. 566) (L.D. 1468)

(S. "A" S-483 to C. "A" S-374)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Resolves

Resolve, To Enhance the Administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program by Creating Clear Guidelines for Organizations and Streamlining the Application Process

(S.P. 570) (L.D. 1472)

(C. "A" S-411; S. "A" S-445)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **FINALLY PASSED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Acts

An Act To Ensure the Safety of Home Birth

(S.P. 248) (L.D. 690)

(C. "A" S-484)

Reported by the Committee on **Engrossed Bills** as truly and strictly engrossed, **PASSED TO BE ENACTED**, signed by the Speaker and sent to the Senate.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester, the House adjourned at 9:37 p.m., until 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2016.